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Comments on the Lynch [redacted] Proposals for Challenge
Steering Group Meeting of 20 December 1979

1. With the addition of a geologic analyst to the PAP staff, it seems there would be less contractor time required and, therefore, less than optimal funding necessary.

2. We are interested in knowing who, specifically, in OER has requested that [redacted] be modeled. We suspect these

25X1 may be [redacted] plans more than OER requirements. We understand that

25X1 [redacted] thinks that doing Chinese fields is of doubtful utility.

3. Beginning with Option 3, and more so with Options 4 and 5, it appears that PAP will enter a "make-work" mode to keep the staff occupied. Such things as "internal staff training, spin-off projects, short analysis articles, and front-end collateral and geologic analysis work" are mentioned. We would like these things specifically defined and justified in light of (a) the fact that our PIs in PAP are committed to working only on reservoir modeling, and (b) the fact that OIA is short of analysts to work its requirements in the oil and gas area in the 1980-81 period.

I am squarely opposed to insuring that [redacted] has a perfect world in which to function in what is mostly a feasibility program, while ERD is required to constantly scramble and readjust to accomplish a research program with not enough analysts. We believe that if he were capable of effectively managing his personnel and were restricted to the reservoir modeling work, two imagery analysts are more than enough, in that PAP is to be augmented by adding a geologic analyst (most likely a PI [redacted])

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Remember that the Challenge analysts have spent much of their time on training and travel and on doing pipeline and studies. ~~and still have been working at a fairly leisurely pace.~~

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Attachment

OIA: Oil and Gas Research Projects*

I. Current Projects

Siberian Oil and Gas Developments, USSR

Update analysis of the lower Ob region has been completed and is being written.

Chinese Oil Fields Update Due Date 30 June 80
Est MH 700

Analysis has been completed on two of thirty known oil fields. OER is scheduled to publish in the 3rd Quarter of FY 1980.

Soviet Pipelines Due Date 30 Mar 80
Est MH 250

OER has asked for status of construction of at least two pipelines and related pumping and compressor stations.

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And a search of areas in the Transcaucasus for pipeline construction.

Saudi Arabian Oil and Gas Field Handling Facilities and New Developments Due Date 30 June 80
Est MH 300

PSAC has requested accurate locational data on GOSP (Gas and Oil Separation Plants) and other handling facilities in selected Saudi oil fields and a report on new developments in these fields.

Oil and Gas Developments in the Tomsk Oblast Due Date 30 Jul 80
Est MH 400

OER has asked for a detailed analysis of developments in this area. This will be the initial detailed analysis of this relatively new area.

II. Continuing Analysis

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III. Current Intelligence Support

Various ad hoc unscheduled work on Iran and other Mid-East countries.

IV. Likely Additional Projects**

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*Does not include ERD analysis of petroleum refineries.

**Based on discussions and/or projections by OER and OSI. Project details not yet finalized.

The above represents about 4 manyears of work

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for [Redacted]

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has some additional responsibilities and [Redacted] had been slated to do other work, but both are being used to fill the gaps. Getting [Redacted] back would help matters, but not much if we had to send OGCR another person.

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Noel

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These are some comments
& info for your Challenge
Steering Group Meeting
Thursday.

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